IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of:

Confirmation No.: 5094

Hideki Hiura et al.

Group Art Unit: 2126

Application No.: 09/488,909

Examiner: Phuong N. Hoang

Filed: January 21, 2000

SIPE

MAY 1 0 2004

METHOD FOR ENABLING MULTIPLE CONCURRENT SUBPROCESS

HANDLING ON A SYSTEM USING A GLOBAL PROCESS

RECEIVED

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

MAY 1 3 2004

Technology Center 2100

PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2003 for three months so that the period for response is extended to May 12, 2004. Applicants submit herewith a check in the amount of \$950.00, which includes the \$950.00 extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or to charge any deficiency in a required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

05/11/2004 EFLORES 00000050 09488909

02 FC:1253

950.00 OP

U.S. Application Number 09/488,909

Atty. Docket No.: 30014200.1027

Respectfully submitted,

Kimani P. Clark

Registration No. 45,969

Customer No.: 26263

Dated: May 10, 2004

Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP

P.O. Box 061080 Wacker Drive Station

Chicago, Illinois 60606-1080

Telephone: 202/408-2914 Facsimile: 312/876-7934